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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116,
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kaplan et al. Confirmation No.: 3159
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 Title: REDUCTION AND OPTIMIZATION OF INFORMATION PROCESSING
 SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action with a mailing date of June 16, 2005, response to which is due by September 16, 2005 without extension, and which is being filed within two months of the final Office Action mailing date, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: